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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [26] of the as-filed application (which is paragraph [0028] of the published application) with the following amended paragraph:

[26] Thereafter, the measured CPU usage is compared with the minimum reference usage and maximum reference usage previously set using the display window of FIG. 2 (Step S32) or preset values. If the measured CPU usage is less than the minimum reference usage, the clock throttle rate of the CPU is stepwise ~~reduced~~ increased, thereby reducing the clock rate of the CPU (Step S34). If the CPU usage measured after the reduction of the CPU clock throttle rate is still less than the minimum reference usage, the CPU clock throttle rate is then adjusted to a next higher value, thereby further reducing the clock rate of the CPU. This procedure is repeated until the measured CPU usage is not less than the minimum reference usage.